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AND 05.0504)

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SCIENCE OFFICE RECEIVED JANUARY 7 TWO LETTERS DATED JANUARY 4 FROM DUBCHAK OF MORELOT FOR TRANSMISSION TO PITKIN OF THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION. THE LETTERS CONCERNED PROPOSED VISITS OF SOVDELS TO U.S. UNDER SUBJECT AGREEMENT. SUMMARY OF EACH LETTER PROVIDED BELOW. LETTERS BEING POUCHED UNDER REGISTRY 3583826 TO EUR/SOV /EXCHANGES.

2. IN LETTER CONCERNING PROPOSED PANEL 3 (05.0503) SOVDEL VISIT, DUBCHAK GIVES SOVIET PREFERENCE FOR DATE OF VISIT, LISTS COMPOSITION OF SOVDEL, AND ADDS SPECIAL SOVIET REQUESTS CONCERNING AGENDA AND ITINERARY OF VISIT. WITH RESPECT TO VISIT'S TIMING, DUBCHAK PROPOSES MARCH 27 - APRIL 10. SOVDEL WILL INCLUDE:

I.V. POBEREZHNIY, NHIEF ENGINEER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF PORT

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AND FLEET OPERATIONS;

V.V. ARISTARKHOV, HEAD OF THE ADMINISTRATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION;

V.V. SINITSIN, CHIEF SPECIALIST OF THE SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL ADMINISTRATION, AND,

YU. I. PANIN, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF MORFLOT.

DUBCHAK THEN ADDRESSES SUBSTANCE OF THE VISIT. FIRST, HE OBSERVES THAT HE EXPECTS ATTENTION DURING THE VISIT WILL BE PAID TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT WORK IN 1977. IN ADDITION TO THIS, DUBCHAK SPECIFICALLY REQUESTS THAT DISCUSSION BE DIRECTED TO THE JOINT RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS OF THE STANDARDIZATION OF TECHNICAL MEANS OF OCEAN TRANSPORT AND CARGO HANDLING IN PORTS. FINALLY, DUBCHAK REQUESTS THAT SOVDEL ITINERARY INCLUDE VISITS TO THE PORTS OF NEW ORLEANS AND HOUSTON.

3. DUBCHAK'S LETTER REGARDING PROPOSED PANET 4 (05.0504) SOVDEL VISIT FOLLOWS SAME FORMAT. FOR VISIT, MORFLOT PROPOSES SAME TIME FRAME, I.E., MARCH 27 - APRIL 10. COMPOSITION OF SOVDEL WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

N.F. BABININ, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE ADMINISTRATION FOR TECHNICAL OPERATION OF THE FLEET;

A.V. KAZANKOV, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION;

K.V. BANNOV, CHIEF SPECIALIST ON NAVIGATION, V/O QUOTE MORSVYAZS-NUTNIK UNQUOTE AND,

S.N. DRANITSIN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF MORFLOT.

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IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSION OF CONTINUING COOPERATION ON PANEL 4 PROJECTS WHICH DUBCHAK ANTICIPATES WILL BE ON THE VISIT'S AGENDA, HE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTS THAT INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SOVDEL:

-OPERATIONAL USE OF AUTOMATED NAVIGATION AND ANTICOLLISION SYSTEMS ABOARD U.S. VESSELS; SOVDEL IN PARTICULAR WOULD LIKE TO VISIT A SHIP EQUIPPED WITH AN AUTOMATED NAVIGATION SYSTEM AS WELL AS A FIRM ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT;

- TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND OPERATIONAL METHODS OF THE NEW MARITIME TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS EMPLOYED BY THE PORTS OF NEW ORLEANS AND NEW YORK AND,

-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF SIMULATORS TO CONTROL THE MOVEMENTS OF VARIOUS SHIP TYPES AS WELL AS THE METHODS EMPLOYED AT KINGS POINT TO TRAIN SHIP OPERATORS (SUDOVODITELI).
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4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. FROM THE VANTAGE POINT OF THE SCIENCE OFFICE, IT SEEMS THAT MORFLOT IS ASKING A GREAT DEAL, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF LACK OF SUBSTANCE OFFERED TO RECENT (OCTOBER-NOVEMBER) PANEL 3 AND 4 USDELS' VISIT TO USSR (SEE PARA 4, REFTEL). TO BE SURE, SOVIETS MADE AN EFFORT TO BE FORTHCOMING TO USDELS. ONCE AGAIN WE MUST ADDRESS A QUESTION BASIC TO ALL EXCHANGES AND IN PARTICULAR TO THOSE UNDER THE FRAMEWORK OF THE TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: IS IT WORTHWHILE TO PERMIT THE SOVIETS CONTINUEDEXPOSURE TO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES IN RETURN FOR ONLY THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONFIRM BY MEANS OF OUR OWN DELEGATIONS SOVIET TECHNOLOGICAL BACKWARDNESS? THERE ARE AREAS, OF COURSE, IN WHICH THE SOVIETS HAVE MUCH TO OFFER, NOTABLY IN THEIR RESEARCH AND EXPERIENCE WITH ICE TRANSITING VESSELS (05.0502). AS WE POINTED OUT IN REFTEL, WE BELIEVE THAT AN OVERALL BALANCE IN THE MARINE TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP AGREEMENT SHOULD BE STRUCK. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT THIS CONCEPT MERITS ESPECIAL CONSIDERATION NOW, COMMENSURATE WITH BOTH THE SOVIET VISIT REQUESTS OUTLINED ABOVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND THE CONTINUING PROBLEMS WITH THE SOVIETS IN FASHIONING A SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA FOR THE OFT-DELAYED VISIT OF USDEL ON PANEL 2 (ICE TRANSITING VESSELS). IN SHORT, THE SOVIET SIDE MAY NOW BE OFFERING US SOME LEVERAGE FOR USE IN OTHER AREAS OF SUBJECT AGREEMENT. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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